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IRISH OUTLOOK GRAVE.

PREMIER SEES KING.

BINN FEIN'S REPLY.

LONDON, December 5.

The Sinn Fein reply to the Government's proposals cabled on December 2 was handed to the Government yesterday. It is described as a reasoned negative suggesting certain amendments. Negotiations have not been broken off but the outlook is grave. The King gave an audience to Mr. Lloyd George this morning and lengthily discussed the latest phase in the negotiations. A full meeting of the Cabinet was subsequently held.

MORE CONFERENCES.

LATER.

Another meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference lasting four and a half hours was held to-day when it is understood important modifications were made to the latest Government proposals which the Sinn Feiners subsequently discussed privately.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL PHILLIPS.

FORMER A.D.C. HERE DEAD.

LONDON, December 5.

The death is announced of Brigadier-General G. F. Phillips, former Aide de Camp to the Governor of Hongkong.

[Brigadier-General George Fraser Phillips, C.B.; C.M.G., joined the West Yorkshire Regt., in 1885. He was appointed A.D.C. to the Governor of Hongkong in 1897. He commanded the 2nd Batt. West Yorkshire Regt., also the International Force at Scutari where he was Governor from 1913 until the outbreak of war. He commanded the 2nd Batt., West Yorkshire Regt., in France in 1914. From 1915 to 1916 he was Military Attaché, Serbia and Montenegro; from 1916 to 1917 Head of the British Military Mission, Greece; and from 1918 to 1920 saw service in the same capacity in Albania. Brigadier General Phillips, who was also a member of the Allied Military Control Mission at Athens in December, 1917, retired from the Service in 1920.]

STRAITS PROSPERITY.

SLUMP ONLY TEMPORARY.

LONDON, December 5.

Commenting on the Straits Settlements loan, the Times emphasizes the favourable financial position of the Straits and Malay States Governments in recent years. It says that contraction of the revenue in the past year has been the inevitable consequence of the acute depression in the rubber and tin industries but this may be regarded merely as an incidental check which will disappear as world trade revives.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

FRENCH RELIEF.

PARIS, December 5.

M. Gaston Menier has given 5,000 francs to relieve Chinese students in France who have been thrown into distress, especially owing to the collapse of the Banque Industrielle de Chine.

EASTERN PROBLEMS.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

PARIS, December 5.

According to reports from various sources, Lord Curzon is expected in Paris this week when, according to Le Matin, he will have an opportunity of discussing with M. Briand joint policy as regards Turkey.—Havas.

REICHEN REPUBLIC?

A BONN CONGRESS.

PARIS, December 5.

Mayence wires state that a congress including 534 delegates representing all sections of the Rhenish population met at Bonn and passed a resolution in favour of the proclamation of an independent neutral Rhenish republic.—Havas.

LOCAL WEDDING.

KWONG-LEE.

A CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.

Mr Chow Yat Kwong, elder son of the Hon. Mr. Cheow Shou Son, was married at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon to Miss Rose Helena Lee, elder daughter of the late Mr. W. R. G. Lee, of Sydney and Hongkong.

The bride wore pink satin, hand embroidered in silver and was attended by her sister, Miss Alice B. Lee as maid of honour. The latter wore shell-pink satin and gold lace, with a gold-hat, and the two bridesmaids, Miss Winnie Woo and Miss Florence Chan wore mauve dresses enriched with Chinese embroidery.

The Rev. A. J. Holman officiated at the ceremony, the bride being given away by her brother, Mr.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 5/8.
To-day's opening rate 2/7 5/8.

QUADRUPLE ENTENTE.

PREPARING THE DRAFT.

AUTHORITATIVE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, December 5.

It is definitely and authoritatively learned that the draft of a quadruple entente as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is now being considered by the British, Japanese, American and French Governments.

WHAT FAILURE WILL MEAN.

WASHINGTON, December 5.

The newspapers report that President Harding in the course of the annual message to Congress which reassembles on December 6, will state that should the conference fail he estimates the United States should spend over \$8,000,000 on the army and navy in the year ending July 30, 1922. This would be \$60,000,000 less than the expenditure for the current year but would be far above pre-war appropriations. The message continues that the United States cannot greatly reduce her military and naval appropriations until all the powers likewise agree. The revenue for 1923 is estimated at \$3,338,000,000 dollars and the expenditure at \$3,303,000,000, including war debt \$370,000,000, navy \$432,000,000, and reduction of debt \$369,000,000.

SHANTUNG CONSIDERED.

WASHINGTON, December 5.

While the formal session of the conference has been suspended until December 7, informal discussions between groups of delegates continue, the most important being the Chinese and Japanese conversations with regard to Shantung. No definite development in the naval negotiations can be expected until the Japanese delegates receive the anticipated statement on the views of their Government.

WAR INCIDENT.

DUTCH STEAMER'S FATE.

THE HAGUE, December 5.

The international commission of inquiry into the loss of the Dutch steamer "Tubautia," which was sunk in the North Sea on March 16, 1916, allegedly by a German submarine, opens at the Palace of Peace privately on January 18.

MONETARY PROBLEMS.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

LONDON, December 5.

The international monetary conference which should have opened in London to-day to consider means of rehabilitating the currencies has been indefinitely postponed owing to developments at Washington. Besides Dr. Rathenau from Germany, the American and Australian delegates are actually in London.

WOMEN AGAINST ARBUCKLE.

"UNTIL HELL FROZE."

SAN FRANCISCO, December 5.

The two jurors who voted for the conviction of Arbuckle were both women. One refused to consider the evidence and declared at the opening of the deliberations that she would not change her opinion "until hell froze." Arbuckle declares that the result is a moral acquittal. The trial has been fixed for January 9.

LONELY KAISER.

WOOS WIDOW.

BERLIN, December 5.

The newspaper "Zwoelfblatt" asserts that the former Kaiser has decided to remarry and has chosen the widow of a Danzig officer killed in the war.

MARKS 630.

PAPER MONEY INCREASED.

LONDON, December 5.

German marks in London reached 930. The Reichsbank's current note circulation amounts to 100,944 million marks, an increase for the week of 4,480 millions.

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A WIFE'S DIARY.

SEQUEL TO BOY AND GIRL
MARRIAGE.

A boy and girl marriage came before Sir Henry Duke when Mr. Charles Walter Hodson, now a technical and research chemist, of Kensington Gardens-square, London, petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage because of the alleged adultery of his wife, Nora Constance, with Mr. Albert Wood and Mr. Norman Shires and with men unknown. The charges were denied.

Mr. Hodson, said Sir Ellis Humble-Williams K.C., was 19 when in 1912 he met his future wife, a girl of 18, in Cambridge. They were married on October 5, 1914, at Brighton, and on March 21, 1915, the wife gave birth to a child. In 1916 the husband obtained a post with the British Dyes Company at Huddersfield, and for a time the wife lived with his parents, but later in 1916 obtained a house and engaged a servant girl named Amy Cook. Fortunately, added counsel, Mrs. Hodson kept a diary for 1918, which gave some account of the life she was living.

It was marked "Diary of Nora, C. Hodson," said counsel, and began with these lines:

There's many a man kisses another man's wife.

When he ought to be kissing his own.

There's many a man nurses another man's child.

When he thinks he's nursing his own.

LOVE-CAKE RECIPE.

Then, said counsel, there was a "Recipe for a love cake": "Six ounces of love. Two smiling faces. Two side glances. Four lips well squeezed. Serve with sweets when dark."

In the diary there was an entry on January 9:

Went to Palace. Frozen up. In town with Mrs. —. Saw C. H., also S.W. With C.H. in afternoon.

Other entries said:

Saw G. — at Palace. He was somewhat tight. Ran like fun for last train. Some evening.

Jan. 15.—In town afternoon. Phoned Mr. H. —. Was with him most of the evening.

Jan. 21.—Felt an awful ass. With a widow.

It was quite clear, said counsel, from the entries in her diary that Mrs. Hodson was associating with a number of men, picking up young officers, and going to the pictures and so on.

By June 1918 cohabitation between husband and wife was resumed, but later they occupied separate rooms.

Mrs. Hodson now pleaded, said counsel that her husband neglected her, drank and gambled with the co-respondent, Mr. Wood, and said that if Mr. Wood, who was a man of means, asked her to go out with him she should go and that she was to keep in touch and hang on to Mr. Wood because he had money and Mr. Hodson had none.

Also she pleaded that her husband had connived at any adultery with Mr. Wood, and she charged her husband with adultery with several women, including the servant Cook, which he denied, but admitted misconduct with a woman not named by his wife.

WATCHED BY DETECTIVE.

Mr. Hodson, said counsel, said that Mr. Wood was a mere acquaintance he made at a Huddersfield club, and one evening, on reaching home, he found both Mr. Wood and Mr. Shires in the house with his wife. Afterwards they were watched. On December 3, 1919, the wife went away and lived at Cambridge street, Pimlico end, it was alleged, was seen to be associating with different men.

Mr. Hodson, in evidence, said that when he first went to Huddersfield his wife could not go with him owing to lack of housing accommodation.

After she had been watched a detective named Webb told her in his (Mr. Hodson's) presence how he had seen her and Mr. Wood on the canal bank together but lost them in the mist.

Webb also spoke of seeing her drink-

ing whiskies and sodas and smoking in a Huddersfield hotel, and had, he declared, also seen an act of misconduct.

Mr. Hodson said that his wife replied: "It was no use denying it."

M. W. Frampton: Your wife alleges that you have conducted to any adultery she may have committed, having lost your employment with the British Dyes Company and made no effort to get any other employment; and that you have kept her without the necessities of life for weeks together. Is there any truth in these allegations?—No.

Mr. Hodson explained that since leaving the British Dyes Company he had lived on an allowance of £23. It was untrue he had given way to drink and continually absented himself from home. He admitted adultery on one occasion with an actress named Rose Valery, but denied the suggestion that he ordered his wife to "hang on" to Wood.

Cross-examined by Mr. Harvey Murphy, K.C., (for the wife), Mr. Hodson said that he and his wife were intimate before marriage and that pressure was brought to bear on him to marry her.

The hearing was adjourned.

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of the Ministry of Finance, in Peking
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be made on 31st December.

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(converted issue) which were drawn on
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\$1,631,761.84 will be paid on same
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on 31st December.

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Inspector General of Customs,
Inspectorate General of Customs,
Peking, 21st November, 1921.

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NOTICE.

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H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, December 1, 1921.

NOTICE.

THANKS TO DR. YEUNG ON
SHU, SURGEON,
S. S. "HWAH'PING."

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED that on 14th October, 1921, I
embarked on the S.S. "HWAH'PING"
at Peru to return to China. A few
days after the vessel's departure I
suddenly felt a very bad pain in the
lower part of my right leg. When Dr.
YEUNG, Surgeon of the vessel, said
native of the Mu District, had treated
my leg the pain left me after a few days
and, after being continually under his
kind medical treatment for twenty odd
days, my leg entirely recovered.
In commemoration of and thankfulness
for his kindness, I therefore put these
lines in the paper to bring it to every-
body's notice.

IP WAH-LAM,
NATIVE OF CHEK KAI,
Hongkong, December 1, 1921.

**LEAGUE OF FELLOWSHIP AND
SERVICE.**

A GENERAL MEETING of
Members will be held in the CITY
HALL, on MONDAY, the 12th Decem-
ber, 1921, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose
of amending the Rules, if thought fit,
as follows:

By amending Rule 2 so as to read as
follows:—

"2. The objects for which the League
is formed are:—

(i) To promote good fellowship and
peace between all Nations.

(ii) To promote good fellowship with
in the Colony, irrespective of
race, class, and creed;

(iii) To promote matters which shall
be of service to the Community."

By amending Rule 4 by the addition,
at the end thereof, of the words:—

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fifty dollars."

and also for the purpose of electing
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gramme of the League.

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ARBUCKLE TRIAL.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 4th.
The jury in the Arbuckle case disagreed
and were discharged.

LATER.

It is understood that the final ballot
showed that ten jurymen favoured ac-
quittal.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CHINESE CONSORTIUM.

WASHINGTON, December 4th.

The American group of the Chinese
Consortium disavows the intention of
monopolising Chinese enterprise. It says
the object is not primarily to profit, but
to co-operate in support of policies
benefiting China. The Consortium refus-
es to consider any loans except the re-
quirements of the Federal and Provincial
Governments for construction purposes.

RUSSIA'S STARVING MILLIONS.

LONDON, December 4th.

Krassin in a speech at Oxford said
the number of Russians affected by famine
was 37,000,000 of whom 21,000,000, includ-
ing 8,000,000 children, were facing starva-
tion. Krassin attributed the famine
on the Volga to military invasions
financed by the Entente, followed by years
of drought. Relief ought to be rendered
by an international loan which Russia
was unable to organise owing to the
Entente withholding recognition of the
Soviet.

BURGENLAND OCCUPIED.

VIENNA, December 4th.

Austrian's military occupation of Bur-
genland has been completed.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, December 5th.

A delegation of the Far Eastern Re-
public has arrived in order to request the
Powers to insist on the immediate with-
drawal of the Japanese from Siberia.
The delegates say that their other objects
are to open trade relations with foreign
countries and to secure recognition of the
Chinese administration.

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BIRTHS.

BAINES.—On November 29, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Baines, a son.

BULLDEATH.—At Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bulleth, a daughter.

BEAUMONT.—On November 28, 1921, at Tientsin, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beaumont, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

WELLBEOBE—WILLIAMS.—On November 28, 1921, at Shanhai, Edmund Wellbelove to Gwen Ann Williams.

SCOTT-TILLING.—At the Cathedral on December 3, Mr. J. H. Scott of Hongkong, and Miss Dorothy Tilling, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tilling of Bromley, Kent.

DEATHS.

DENEGRIL.—On November 29, 1921, at Shanghai, suddenly of heart failure, Mario Massimo Deneigril, of Novi Ligure, Italy.

JORDAN.—At London on December 4, Dr. Gregory Paul Jordan. (By cable.)

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 1921.

THE DELUSION OF PURE ENGLISH.

We were amused in the way that parents are induced by the antics of their children, that is to say, amuse with certain tendencies of sympathy, by some observations of a Telegraph scribbler on Saturday, on the subject of pure English. To the

language. This last word (used in the article noticed by the Telegraph's exponent of "English pure and undefiled") is pure French. It is a handy word, but not a good word. A more nearly pure English word would be speech. "Ah" interrupts the young student (we refer to his intellectual age: not his years) but I was writing of more than spoken language. It was, in fact, English as it is and should be written that I was discussing." So? Had we not expressed some desire for thinking just now? Think what the word language means. A literal translation would be tongue-age, the affix "age" being as in tongue, shortage, etc. Clearly, the word language, like the word speech, means only talk, the vocal transmission of thoughts. Does this not suggest to us "after we have stopped wasting time on the vain search for a "pure" word that does not exist" that there must be something far more in "good writing" than "economy of words," austerity of style, and so on. All that is good writing (especially in didactic writing) which vividly and clearly conveys the thought. If three adjectives will make the conveyance of the true thought more sure than one will, let no young writer be afraid to use them: He must be sure, of course, that they do co-operate in this work. The fault that has been pointed out by literary critics would be idle adjectives, the verbal dross that disfigure the literary output of mere gasbags. The mark of good literature then, is not the paucity of adjectives employed, but the usefulness of those that are employed, in transmitting to the mind of a reader the mental image of the writer. Because Masefield, for purely rhetorical reasons, did not "huddle" his adjectives up against their substantives, this Telegraph oracle failed to find them. His comment on this indicates that also (the juxtaposition of noun and adjective) is a fault. If we wish to tell you that "one wet day we saw a black man pushing a red handcart down a green lane," how more "purely" can we tell it than in that way, or how effect a greater "economy of words?" But for the ridiculousness of the subject, of the picture presented, that is much "purer" English than Masefield's. Indeed, if you have any ear for rhythm at all, and you read it aloud with proper stresses, you will say it is a sort of prose poem. It is unfortunate that this criticism must appear to some wantonly unkind. It is not. The expression of sympathy in our opening sentence was sincere. The explanation is our strong sense of duty. We simply cannot allow what we regard as false and misleading teaching to go unchallenged wherever we meet it. The beauty of this principle is that if we preach falsely, misleadingly, we are equally open to correction.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lady Stubbs has kindly consented to distribute the prizes for the Peak School on December 21 at 5.15 p.m. at the Peak Club.

According to the Bureau of Economic Information there were 130 stock and produce exchanges in Shanghai on November 23. The newest is to be a Tea Exchange.

The Dairy Farm request their customers to return all small empty milk bottles in their possession as they have run short of bottles and their next shipment is not expected until the end of the current month.

All firms, clubs, etc., who have not yet returned particulars for insertion in the Dollar Directory are requested to do so immediately to No. 6, Wyndham Street. Particulars of new firms etc., will be gladly received for inclusion in the Directory.

Within the next day or so there will be on view in the show room of the Hongkong Hotel Co. Ltd., the Colony's first Rolls Royce car. This has been purchased by Mr. C. K. Lau, Manager of the Chinese Merchants Bank.

At the China Inland Mission, Chefoo, last week a double wedding took place, the contracting parties being Miss Grace Taylor B.A. and Mr. Reginald F. Harris B.A. (Cantab) and Miss Lilian Smith and Mr. Harold J. Chalkey B.A. (London) all four being members of the Staffs of the C.I.M. Compound.

A GERM DESTROYER:

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Now let us think a bit. Let us not be hypnotized by the rash generalizations of anybody, however eminent who may have set up as a professor

DR. G. P. JORDAN.

SUDDEN DEATH AT HOME.

MEDICO AND CITIZEN.

LONG AND USEFUL CAREER IN HONGKONG.

Very real and deep regret will be felt at the news, received by cable this morning, of the death in London of Dr. Gregory Paul Jordan.

A resident here for over 30 years and the Colony's leading medical practitioner for a quarter of a century, the late Dr. Jordan was as widely known, amongst Europeans and Chinese alike, as he was highly esteemed. His devotion to duty, his many unobtrusive acts of charity, particularly in the direction of alleviating suffering by the use of his professional skill, and his lovable disposition will be recalled by the hosts of friends who will experience a deep sense of loss at the news of his passing away.

This morning's cable came as a profound shock because when Dr. Jordan left for home by the s.s. "Anchises" last June he was reckoned to be better in health than he had been for some years and, considering his 63 years, he was remarkably fit. Dr. Jordan had, it appears, been ill for about a week before his death.

Born in India in 1858, Dr. Jordan was educated later at Edinburgh University. He studied in Paris under Professor Chescot at the Salpetrie and at Vienna under Professor Albert. He was also a private student at Cambridge and at St. Thomas' hospital in London. For two years he was in private practice at home and he was resident Surgeon at Dorset County Hospital. In the following year after his arrival in Hongkong in 1885 he was made acting Colonial Surgeon and in 1888 he took up the position of Health Officer of the Port and Inspector of Immigrants in Hongkong. He continued to hold that post until a few months ago when he retired from it and it was constituted a position in the Government service. Besides his duties as Port Health Officer Dr. Jordan had a very extensive general practice and he was the senior partner in the medical firm of Dr. Jordan, Forsyth, Grove and Aubrey. Holding the degrees of M.B., C.M., and M.R.C.S., he was regarded as a very brilliant medical man and one of his colleagues expressed the opinion this morning that if he had not elected to be a general practitioner he might have achieved eminence as a writer on medical subjects. He was, however, too busily occupied with his practice to do much writing and, though frequently urged to relinquish his post as Port Health officer, he held on to it because, as he said, that had been the foundation of his career.

He was in charge of the Alice Memorial Hospital from its formation till amalgamated with the Nethersole Hospital and since the inception of the university had lectured there on tropical medicine. For a period of about 2½ years he acted as vice-chancellor of the University and did some wonderfully good work for the institution. He won the esteem of both students and staff so that when in April last the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him a remarkable demonstration took place in his honour.

Dr. Jordan was a very prominent freemason and was one of the oldest members of the Grand Lodge of Scottish freemasonry in Hongkong and South China in which he filled the position of District Grand master. In 1914 while home on leave he offered himself for war service to the secretary of state and in 1915, on his return to the Colony was enrolled as Surgeon Major of the Hongkong Police Reserve. He served with that force until it was disbanded on the signing of peace in 1918.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Jordan who was evidently with her husband when he died. There are no children.

UNSELFISH LIFE.

SIR PAUL CHATER'S TRIBUTE.

"He devoted his whole life to the Colony, seeking nothing for himself and giving everything to others." This tribute was paid to his nephew, Dr. Jordan, by Sir Paul Chater when approached at Marble Hall this morning by a *China Mail* reporter regarding the sad news from London. "The whole time he worked for the Colony," continued Sir Paul, "and during the 36 years he spent out here three times only did he take a holiday at home. This was his fourth trip and I had at last induced him to give up his strenuous work. He intended to return to Hongkong and settle down here in quiet retirement."

While Dr. Jordan's death was not altogether unexpected—he had suffered from heart trouble under the

strain of his University and medical work here—hopes were held that rest would restore him to health. "Only yesterday," said Sir Paul Chater, "I received a letter from him dated November 1. He had arrived in London feeling ill but had gone to Harrogate. He came back feeling much better," he said. His wife was very well and also feeling much better. "My heart trouble has not yet passed off. Dr. Jordan had written 'but I am very different to what I was when I landed.' Evidently he had a sudden relapse, added Sir Paul, as yesterday I received a cable that he was making steady improvement, followed a few hours later by another message stating that his condition was much worse."

Dr. Jordan arrived here in 1886, said Sir Paul Chater, and after practice for a short time by himself, founded the firm of Jordan, Forsyth, Grove, and Aubrey, medical practitioners. Twice he acted for Dr. Ayres, the Colonial Surgeon and was later appointed health officer, a position he held until quite recently when considerably past the age limit he resigned.

Dr. Jordan was unselish in his labours for the Hongkong University of which he was Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Sir Paul Chater recalled that when Sir Charles Eliot, the Vice-Chancellor, was called away to Vladivostok, Dr. Jordan was asked to fill the gap.

Sir Charles Eliot, it was expected, would be absent a short time only, and in spite of the heavy pressure of private work Dr. Jordan agreed to accept the heavy responsibility for the interim. Sir Charles Eliot's absence, however, was much longer than anticipated and when he returned to Britain direct Dr. Jordan was definitely left to carry on until the present Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunyate, arrived in March last. Having to devote one half of the day to the University and the other half to his heavy practice, Dr. Jordan felt the strain, said Sir Paul, and it was during this period that his heart first gave him trouble. Two years ago he had a bad heart attack.

Dr. Jordan was beloved by the Chinese. His patients adored him so much, said Sir Paul, that when his time was heavily taxed by his University work they presented him with a motor car in order that he could make his medical rounds with less trouble. As another instance of Chinese affection for Dr. Jordan, Sir Paul recalled the expressions of goodwill that followed the ceremony of conferring the LL.D. degree on his nephew when Sir William Brunyate arrived here. Placing him in a motor car the Chinese students towed Dr. Jordan from the University all the way to the Club.

THE GRAND OLD MAN.

HIS UNIVERSITY WORK.

The interest which the late Dr. Jordan took in the University of Hongkong is well evidenced by the fact that he was the first Pro-Vice-Chancellor of that institution. His connection with the University dates from its inception. The particulars which follow are taken from data supplied by Dr. Jordan himself to Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh, Registrar of the University, at the time the degree of LL.D. was conferred on the former.

In conjunction with Sir Patrick Manson and Sir James Cantlie, Dr. Jordan was one of the original founders of the Hongkong College of Medicine, on which institution as a base the university was founded. He was also a founder and member of the University, where he was a lecturer, and later Professor of Tropical Medicine. During the Vice-Chancellorship of Sir Charles Eliot, Dr. Jordan held the office of Pro Vice-Chancellor. On the former leaving the Colony for Siberia on a Government Mission in 1918 Dr. Jordan was induced to take the reins, acting as Vice-Chancellor until the arrival of Sir William Brunyate in April 1921. This work for the University did not stop at personal effort, but his enthusiasm was instrumental in bringing along several donations. Through him the University now possesses three medical schools donated by Mr. Ho Fook and the late Mr. Chan Kai-ming.

His relations with the students had always been of the happiest. What better tribute could there be than the title of "The grand old man" by which he was affectionately known! The demonstrations which followed the conferring of the honorary degree will long be remembered—how he was carried bodily from the hall to his car, surrounded by cheering admirers. Nor was this undeserved for Dr. Jordan took a great interest in student life. One of his last acts was the launching of the Students Union Building, towards which he obtained \$20,000 from his personal friends.

To say that he will be missed by staff and students is saying too little. He was in truth "The Grand Old Man."

SPECIAL CABLE.

SINCERE'S LOSS.

MANAGING DIRECTOR DEAD.

[*China Mail* SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6.

Mr. A. Ober, managing director of Sincere's died yesterday at the Paulin hospital. He was recently injured in a motor mishap in Shanghai, since when his health had been unsatisfactory. He was one of the founders of Sincere's. He was very philanthropic and was associated with the uplift of the Chinese community.

LAND SALES.

At the offices of the P.W.D., yesterday afternoon a piece of Crown land in Shaikwan (Inland Lot No. 484) at the rear of Inland Lot No. 12, Shaikwan Road, containing 4,500 sq. ft., was offered for sale by public auction for a term of 75 years, at an annual rent of \$42, with the option of renewal at a rent to be fixed by H.M.'s Surveyor for a further term of 75 years. The upset price was \$2,700 and the property was eventually sold for \$4,540.

Shaikwan Inland Lot No. 2358, at the rear of Inland Lot No. 1617, Shaikwan Road, containing about 10,150 sq. ft., was also offered for a term of 75 years at a Crown rent of \$104, with the option of renewal for a further term of 75 years. This lot fetched \$8,850 or \$3,775 more than the upset price of \$5,075. The competition was keen in both cases and the bidding brisk.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

President Sun Yat-sen has arrived at Kwailin.

Funds for the erection of a new building for the Kwangtung Public Library have been subscribed by prominent persons of Canton.

At St. John's Cathedral on Saturday Mr. J. H. Scott, of Hongkong, was married to Miss Dorothy Tilling, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tilling, of Bromley, Kent.

St. Andrew's Church Men's Association, Kowloon cordially invites all members and their friends to a concert to be held in the Church Hall to-morrow (Wednesday) evening.

Pan Shun Ming, the manager of a Chinese firm at No. 1, Queen's Street, reports that his shroff absconded yesterday with \$2,730 the property of the firm. The police have a description of the missing man.

A Chinese boiler maker living in Hoikwan village, was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from wounds on the face and elbow alleged to have been received as the result of an attack made on him by several men in the course of a dispute. None of his alleged assailants have been arrested.

Two cases of diphtheria (one fatal) and one case of enteric fever (imported) were reported during the 48 hours ended yesterday. All three were Chinese. Last week three Chinese died from puerperal fever, one from cerebro spinal and another from plague. One case of diphtheria and another of plague, both Chinese, and one of enteric fever, Portuguese, were also reported.

The Members of the Chinese Seamen's Union who recently approached the shipping companies for an increase in wages are shortly to hold a mass meeting in the City Hall, provided the Secretary for Chinese affairs will agree to it. The shipping companies will be invited to attend and to state their views. It is felt by the Union that open discussion is better than secret negotiation.

Chancellor he guided the University through the greatest crisis of its history. The institution was in great financial difficulties, which ultimately brought about the University Commission. Dr. Jordan handed over to Sir William Brunyate an institution financially sound. Another fact for which Dr. Jordan deserves great gratitude was the

GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In the City Hall last evening the annual meeting of the Royal Hong-kong Golf Club took place. The President (Mr. E. J. Grist) was in the chair and he was supported by the following members of the committee: Messrs. T. W. Hill, A. B. Stewart, R. M. Smith and L. S. Greenhill, with Mr. J. B. Ross (Hon. Secretary). There was a large attendance of members.

A preliminary meeting was held to confirm the alterations in the Articles of Association approved by an extraordinary general meeting on November 9.

The Chairman remarked that, as the meeting was fully reported in the Press and he had no doubt all the members were acquainted with the proposed alterations and the reasons therefor, he did not think it was necessary to do more than propose them for confirmation.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded, and the motion was carried.

After that the business of the annual meeting was proceeded with and the Chairman said:

I think you will agree with me that we should congratulate ourselves on the result of the year's working. The Hon. Secretary has devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to the affairs of the Club and the Sub-Committees and the Treasurers have gone into things very thoroughly, and, under the system now in vogue, there can be little room for wastage or leakage.

Our chief endeavour, during the past few years, has been to reduce the Bank overdraft which had reached such an alarming figure. You will notice the Bank overdraft and accounts payable now amount to \$22,495.98, made up of:- Bank Overdraft \$15,942.78; Accounts payable, \$6,553.17; as against last year \$42,616.18, a reduction of \$20,200.5. Under the heading of Working Account it will be seen that, owing to our growing membership, subscriptions show an increase of over \$14,000 and the income from green fees has been doubled.

On the debit side of the account, maintenance at Fanling shows an increase. This is due to the replacing of crockery, blankets, etc., and the installation of a new buttery in the Club house. The cost of sanding the greens in September has been charged to the year under review although it could very properly be carried forward and charged to next year. We will now turn to profit and loss account and you will observe that the cost of the Fanling Water Works, which stood in our books at \$8,530, has been completely written off. Entrance fees are not now considered part of the profit but are shown as a separate item and paid into a special account with the Bank. Our thanks are due to Sir N. J. Stabb, Messrs. L. N. Leefe, G. C. Moxon and G. S. Archibald for Debentures presented to the Club. (Applause.)

During the past year we have endeavoured to have, as Convenor of each Sub Committee, a member who had special qualifications to look after our interests in that particular Department. A new Sub-Committee has been formed during the year—the Finance Committee—which I think, will prove of great assistance to the General Committee who can always turn to that Committee for expert opinion on any matter in which finance is concerned.

The matter of rebuilding a suitable Club-house at Fanling has been engaging the attention of the Building Sub-Committee. The present building stands in our books at \$41,015.10. The opinion is that, apart from being too small to meet the wants of members, it is in need of extensive repairs. The Building Sub-Committee consider that it would not be advisable to add to or renovate the present building and recommend the building of a new Club-house. The Finance Committee are of opinion that, at the present rate of income and expenditure, we should be in a position to do this in three years' time.

We feel much indebted to the Standard Oil Company of New York for publishing and presenting to each member of the Club a book containing the revised Rules of Golf and local Rules and Bye-laws. This has supplied a long-felt want and I trust that members will help the management of the Club by acting in accordance with the rules and regulations.

I would remind members that, in future, all complaints and suggestions of any kind whatsoever should be made direct to the Convenor of the Sub-Committee concerned.

PANTING COURSES.

The condition of these Courses reflects great credit of the Green Committee, the Hon. Ground Secretary and the Superintendent. The fairways improve as years go on and

the greens were never better than they are now. This is due to the liberal use of sand so strongly advocated by Mr. Forrest. "Sand, fair sand" was his advice and I am sure he is delighted with the result. Then we are using water sprinklers which are so necessary during the dry season and are proving a great success.

On the old course the second and tenth greens have been relaid and turfed. It was found impossible to keep them in good condition owing to the shallow nature of the soil. This has been remedied and they should be in good condition by next season.

The drains at the seventh hole (The Bog) have been covered in and, as the fairway is much improved, there should be no more complaints of balls being lost at this point.

As the fourteenth hole on the New Course was frequently unplayable owing to the proximity of a spring, a new green has been made on higher ground which makes the approach shot a sporting one.

The accused, who was not represented by a solicitor was not asked to plead as it was intended to commit him for trial at the forthcoming Criminal Session.

Mr. Loo d'Almada appeared for Mr.

A. G. da Rocha, auctioneer of D'Aguilar Street, who had sold the two copying presses and the "Remington" typewriter mentioned in the charges, for the defendant.

Mr. d'Almada said that he would like to explain Mr. Rocha's position to the Magistrate before the case was opened, so as to avoid any possible misunderstanding as to his client's attitude in the matter. The defendant, said Mr. d'Almada, came to Mr. Rocha's office, immaculately dressed, and gave instructions for the disposal of the presses and typewriter either by auction or by private treaty, giving a price limit. As was usual in the case of Chinese clients, the defendant was referred to the compradore. The latter had noticed the brand new appearance of the articles at the time and had questioned the defendant who offered the explanation that he had opened a firm some three months previously. It had failed and he was selling out. Defendant also told the compradore that he had some furniture to sell and would bring it along later. Mr. Rocha disposed of the presses by auction and the typewriter by private treaty, and the money was paid over to the defendant.

The first evidence called was that relating to the two counts in which Messrs. Kelly and Walsh were concerned.

We have been fortunate obtaining from the Government the necessary permission to allow the Electric Company to supply us with power. I am sure the installation of electric light and fans has been greatly appreciated.

Owing to the position of the Course, there is no possibility of extension to prevent the present overcrowding, and the Sub-Committee considered all they could do was to make it as safe as possible. A few alterations have been effected, the chief of which has been the removing of the undergrowth to the left of the fourth fairway. Ladies perhaps do not always find their tee shots lying at this hole, but it is hoped to improve the fairway during the wet season.

The Magistrate after inspecting the order enquired who was "R. Stowell."

Inspector Wills said that he had made enquiries at the University but that name was not known there.

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FORGED ORDERS.

A QUEER CASE.

Magistrate Wood this morning heard evidence in the case in which Chan En Yan, a Chinese born in Perak, F.M.S., was last week remanded on charges of having forged and uttered false orders for the delivery of goods.

The charges, six in number, were set forth as follows:

(1) obtaining from Kelly and Walsh a copying press on October 18, (2) obtaining from Mustard and Coy, a typewriter on October 22, (3) obtaining from Kelly and Walsh a copying press on October 26, (4) obtaining from Lane, Crawford and Coy, two filters on October 28, (5)

obtaining from Wing On Coy, three cases of "Eagle" brand condensed milk on November 26 and (6) attempting to obtain from Sincere Coy three cases of "Eagle" brand condensed milk on November 29.

The accused, who was not represented by a solicitor was not asked to plead as it was intended to commit him for trial at the forthcoming Criminal Session.

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Proceeding.

form, and the latter replied that it was not for the University account but was chargeable to Luard Hall account. The witness offered to deliver the machine, but the defendant preferred to take it away himself. The witness ordered an office coolie to carry the typewriter to the defendant's ricksha. This was the only occasion the defendant called at the office. Early in November, he telephoned the witness and explaining that he had lost the original bill, asked that a duplicate be made out. The defendant also said that he urgently wanted another typewriter, this time for the Educational Department, and that he would send a man along with a note to take delivery of it. The witness spoke to the manager about it and was directed to refer the messenger to him when he came. The witness did so. The typewriter was worth \$275 less 10 per cent. When the bill was presented at the University for collection, it was not recognised.

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GOLF.

JASPER CLARK CUP.

The "Jasper Clark Cup" Competition was played for over Fanling last Sunday. Conditions 36 holes Medal Play from scratch.

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Major H. G. Bagnall 80 and 87 167

H. R. Buckland 82 and 91 173

The Cup was won last year by Major H. G. Bagnall with 169 and the runner up was Mr. T. W. Hill 173.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The following are the scores for the above Cup played over the Old Course at Fanling during the last week end:

Mr. J. W. Franks 87—12—75

Mr. H. Scott 87—12—75 Tie.

Mr. R. Appel 86—10—76

Mr. A. B. Raworth 87—11—78

Col. J. R. Wyndham 94—18—76

Mr. H. M. Ireland 85—8—77

Mr. R. Melville 78 Scr. 78

Mr. J. M. Dodington 83—15—78

Mr. C. C. Stark 90—11—79

Mr. J. D. Kinnaid 7—8—80

Mr. R. E. O. Bird 97—16—81

Major H. G. Bagnall 80+ 1—81

TYphoon Warning.

The telegram quoted below was received by the local American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 11.20 a.m., Dec. 6.

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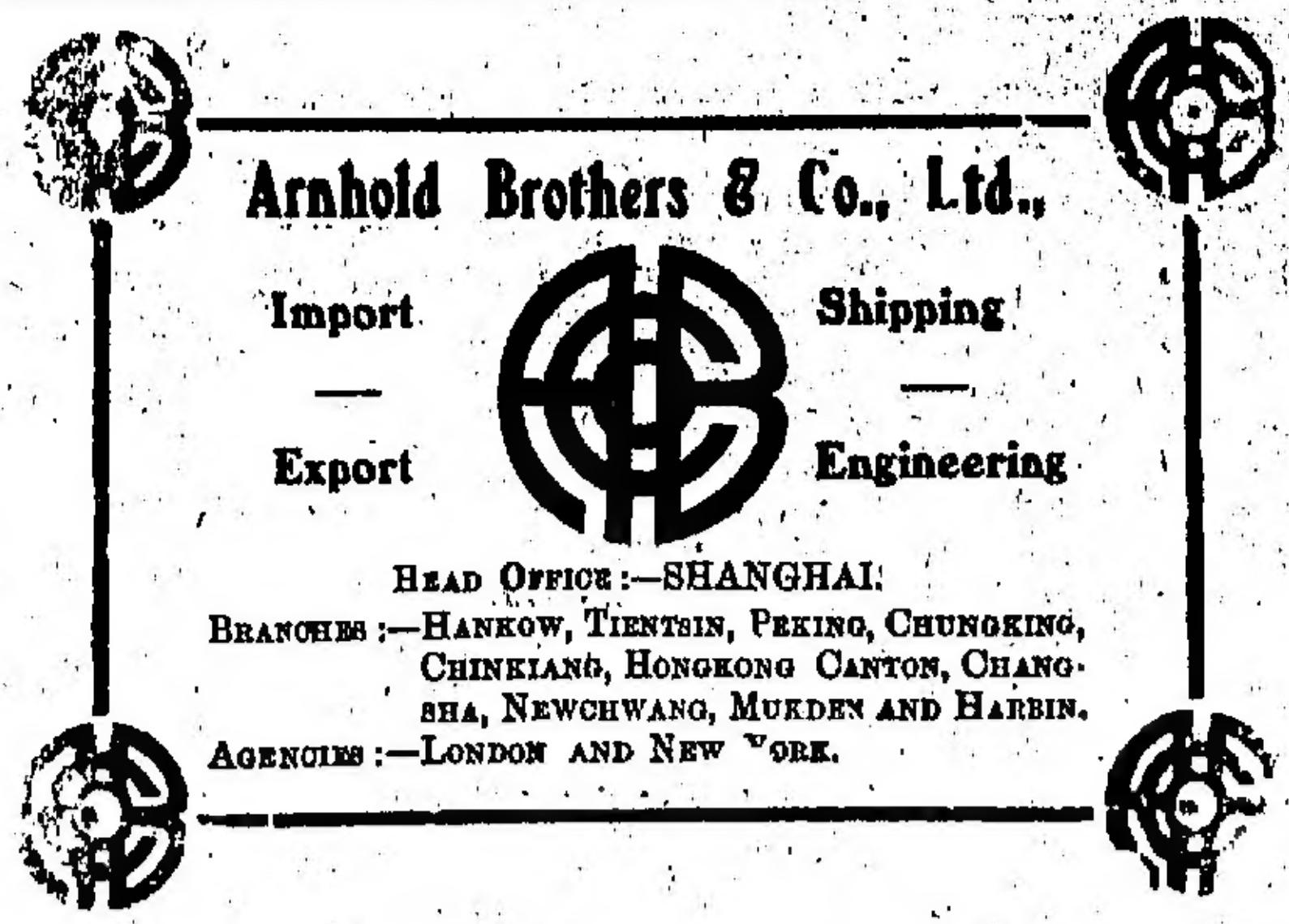
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DANTE CENTENARY.

HONGKONG CELEBRATIONS.

CONCERT AND LECTURE.

Arranged by the local Roman Catholic community, a concert and lecture were held in the Theatre Royal last night to mark the sixth centenary of the death of the great Italian Catholic epic poet Dante Alighieri. The happy thought of paying tribute to Italy's greatest poet was first inspired by an Encyclical letter published by the Pope on the 30th April last, and addressed to all the Professors and pupils of the Catholic Institutes throughout the world.

In compliance with the expressed wish of His Holiness, Bishop Pozzoni was instrumental in giving the movement a lead which resulted in last night's pleasant social and educational function.

There was a large and distinguished audience amongst whom were H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, the Vice Chancellor of the Hongkong University and Lady Brunyate, Officers of the Army and Navy and many Consular representatives.

A delightful musical programme was presented and during an interval in it His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni introduced Mr. G. P. de Martin M.B.E., B.A., who gave a most interesting lecture on Dante. Bishop Pozzoni said:

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen:—As Chairman of the Committee, I have to thank you for helping to make our Dante celebration a success by your presence here to-night. Having in view the reason for this gathering it is particularly gratifying to me to note how truly this audience is representative of all sections of our very cosmopolitan community. We are peculiarly grateful to His Excellency, the Governor, the Head of that community, whose presence shows that, in addition to his daily watchful concern for our material well-being, he shares also in our literary and artistic interests. I cannot express my thanks individually to each section of the community which is represented here this evening, but I must especially thank those members of the Consular Body who enable us by their presence to reproduce that international sympathy which has been one of the most striking features in this year's celebrations in larger communities. An assembly such as this is indeed congruous with the occasion, for Dante is *par excellence* the "Catholic" poet. He belongs to all humanity just as his poetry has a message for all time. He is the poet of Religion and of the Destiny of Man. With wonderful allegories he has ennobled in his poem Catholic Philosophy and Divinity, as taught by his great contemporary, "the angelic doctor", clothing the crude scientific phrasology of the scholars in a vesture of most brilliant poetry. In a stupendous drama, in which the whole history of the world is presented in its relation to the order of Divine Providence, he sets forth the Destiny of Man—the Fallen man who is punished in Hell, the repentant Sinner who is purified in Purgatory, the Saint who is triumphant in Heaven.

And the praise or condemnation of virtues or vices are reported to be a living education for all future generations, pointing out to all the

The lecturer referred briefly to the years of Dante's exile, the tale of which he thought would never be completely told. It was in the last years when he reached the very zero of his worldly career that his soul soared to the zenith of its achievement. When all that the world had to offer him was worthless he gave it in return treasures of priceless value. It was in those years that from the lowest depth he produced the Divine Comedy. Dante died on September 14, 1321 and was buried at Ravenna. He had been exiled from his beloved city. He had been banished by his pride from the genial company of other men. This was not all. The very words he wrote, the thoughts he had conceived had yet to be buried unread in a oblivion of about 500 years.

This neglect might be attributed partly to the linguistic fastidiousness of the *literati* of the Italian renaissance, who in their new-born zeal for the classical periods of Greece and Rome, had no regard for a composition which both in form and subject matter was essentially mediæval.

Also if the poet of mediævalism was shut out by the so-called "new learning," the door was bolted and barred by the new religion upon the poet of Catholic Christendom. But more prejudicial still—as arising from moral and spiritual causes—was the movement away from the supernatural towards materialism which touched its lowest depth in the latter part of the 18th century. Dante unlocked the secrets of another world; but the true spirit of this one turned aside with all manner of excuse. The polite sceptics of the 18th century professed to be shocked at Dante's irreverence.

We were not now shocked at this irreverence, but we shuddered at the probation he had to undergo. He was granted no merciful sudden vision on the road to Damascus, but bitterly, wearily he had to find his way back to the pure promise of his youth. He had been ambitious to shine in the political life of his city—he became an outlaw. All his life, he was super-sensitive—and was compelled for the greater part of it to live on what was little better than the alms of uncomprehending charity not unmet with contempt.

The second part of the address was devoted almost wholly to the Comedy:—It was an epic poem, but it was also a historical document of remarkable importance. It was a series of vivid pictures, but the work of one well-versed in theology, though it contained an accurate record of the world's knowledge of the natural sciences in the age when it was written. It was a quarry for the lover, the poet or the student. High above all brooded the cold spirit of Catholic dogma.

It recorded an epoch in the life of

what in the opinion of the lecturer was the most interesting community that has ever existed. It was the very nucleus of the most beautiful European language of to-day—"the first words Italy had said."—And not only had Dante garnered for us the gold of Italy and coined it into the language which is to some degree current in the cultivated circles of all civilised countries, but it had been the fountainhead of all that art and song which made Italy the forerunner of every man or woman with any pretensions to literary or artistic tastes. He deeply influenced not only the literature and poetry that came after him but even the painting and kindred arts whose achievements remain the standards and criteria of the artistic world at the present day.

It was impossible to attempt any consideration of Dante's poetry without reference to the time in which it was written, for in the Comedy the Middle Ages were—to quote Carlyle—"rendered rhythmically visible", their ideals and their philosophy lay open before us, their faith, their weaknesses, their grandeur. The architecture and poetry of the time still held their proud place. Its sublime philosophical treatise, once vainly thought to be relegated to the dust heap was still the resource of thousands of students in all parts of the world. But if it had not been for

Dante the intangible ethos of the time would have been lost for ever. Like some medieval Noah he had stored for us the ideals and aspirations of a whole civilization at the culminating moment of its vigour, and himself adrift upon the waters of neglect, had carried them safely through days when that civilization and all that it had achieved and all that it stood for seemed likely to be overwhelmed ever by a deluge of materialistic philosophy.

Mr. de Martin did not think it altogether a fanciful idea that owing to the diversity of the appeal of Dante's poetry, no two persons come away from reading it with quite the same idea of what they have read. No one at the present day would venture to say that he quite understood all that Dante intended to convey. What Dante would have called the *quidditas* of the Comedy must remain a secret for us who live in these days. But there were one or two features that loom so large that they cannot escape: the observation of anyone who had the smallest acquaintance with the works of Dante.

In the very first place, high above all, subject as well as sovereign inspiration of the whole was the undiluted dogma of the Catholic Faith. And then there was—what was after all but the profane aspect of the same thing—Dante's strong sense of the solidarity of mankind. Coleridge had defined wisdom as the possession of common sense in an uncommon degree. One of the lessons we could learn from Dante's common sense was that the things that knit human society together were more elemental, and should, therefore, when free play was given to their action be more powerful than the secondary and usually artificial causes which tended to split it up into discordant groups.

This same year of the Dante sexcentenary was the one-hundredth since the death of Napoleon. Napoleon was "as great as anyone can be without virtue," but the world to-day was too war-tired to praise a man who must for ever be identified with military exploits. He would of course never disappear from history, but did it not seem as if his name had been relegated to the pages of the world's records and obliterated from the minds of men where there were still niches for humbler folk? The great emperor from a very high mountain looked down, down upon the kingdoms of the earth and the glory of them. Dante Alighieri, treading a lower path, looked up towards the kingdom of heaven. Let us hope it was not too optimistic to read into the international unanimity of the sexcentenary celebrations a tendency to look up with the poet rather than down with the emperor, to reject the gospel of greed and force and try to realise something of the solidarity of humanity.

In his concluding remarks Mr. de Martin said he had not attempted to go very far below the surface of his subject; still less had he tried to explain. He amused his audience with the story of the little girl who was studying history at home. "Mother, I think I should understand if only you wouldn't explain." Only a very bold man he said would dare to attempt a definition of greatness, but we all admitted that one note was never lacking from the recognition of that quality whatever intrinsically it might be, and that was its ratification by the people of other days and other races, by those who lived in a different age, who did not share the same history or speak the same language. Even in our own time when we wanted to say of a man that he was distinguished above the ordinary we said that he had an international reputation, or that his work would last for all time.

This year few places which could muster up any literary enthusiasm at all had failed to contribute their share in the recognition of one who, though primarily an Italian, was now regarded by us all as a common ornament of the human intellect. The Pope had called upon Catholicism throughout the world to take part in these literary demonstrations. Italy naturally, had been foremost in their promotion. But from North to South, the

STOLEN CHEQUES.

HOUSEBOY'S ATTEMPTED FRAUD.

A houseboy employed by Mr. Albert M. Jacobs, was yesterday charged before Magistrate Lindsell with having stolen three blank cheques from his master, and with having attempted to obtain \$193 from the International Banking Corporation by fraudulent means. Mr. F. X. d'Almada, who appeared for the defendant, entered a plea of guilty. The defendant, he said, supported his mother, a feeble wife and three children. He thought by getting the money he would be able to take his wife to Canton for the benefit of her health. The defendant had borne a good character until now. Mr. d'Almada produced several testimonials to prove his statement.

Inspector Browne said that defendant had worked in many big houses in the Colony, and although there had been nothing against him previously the present case was a serious one. He therefore asked for a fairly heavy penalty.

Remarking that had it not been for the disappearance of the cheques the defendant would have been committed to the Sessions, the Magistrate sentenced him to four weeks' hard labour for stealing the cheques and an additional two months for attempting to defraud the Bank. This comparatively light sentence, said the Magistrate, was in consideration of the defendant's previous good character, but for which he would have received six months on each count.

from East to West, in the new world as well as in the old, and even in the very old, the sexcentenary had been celebrated by men and women of all creeds, and races. In its small way this little island community had contributed its part in the chorus, and though literary and artistic interests did not loom very large in Hongkong life, the large audience which assembled in the theatre showed that we were not wholly indifferent to such things.

Mr. de Martin's admirable lecture was heard with very keen interest and at its conclusion he was given a well-earned ovation.

The musical programme was as follows:

- 1—Overture * * *
- The Orchestra of the Sociedade Philarmónica
- Conducted by Prof. F. Gonzales
- 2—Song "Cielo e Mar" Op. La Giocanda Pontielli
- Mr. E. G. D'Aquino
- 3—Suite for 2 Pianos. Louis Aubert
- (a) Minuet
- (b) Bero-use
- (c) Air de Ballet
- Miss Elfrida Osmund & Prof. Danenberg
- 4—Selection. "Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni
- The "Nightmares" Lyric Orchestra
- Under the direction of Rev. Fr. A. Riganti
- 5—Violin Solo Souvenir de Moscow. Weinowsky
- Prof. F. Gonzales
- 6—Selection "Tannhäuser" Wagner
- The Orchestra of the Sociedade Philarmónica
- Conducted by Prof. F. Gonzales
- God Save The King

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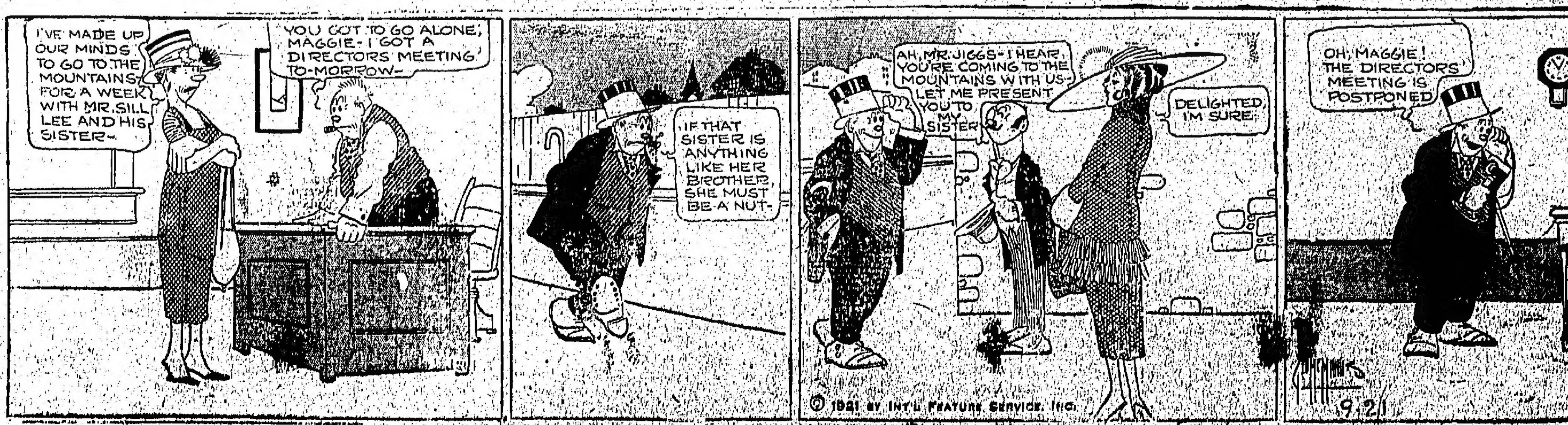
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"I have heard nothing about it," was the smiling rejoinder made by Mr. J. H. Taggart, General Manager of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., to a *China Mail* representative who had approached him for information regarding the report stating that the scheme for the amalgamation of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., and the Dairy Farm Company, Ltd., had fallen through.

which deals largely with the institution of *mui tsai* in China, but, I cannot accept the interpretation placed by my hon. friend upon particular passage of the English version. The facts have frequently been explained in this House, and as regards the action of the Government, I would refer to the reply given on the 24th of October to my hon. friend the member for St. Rollox (Mr. G. Murray).

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND
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CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

Dec. 7.—C. N. Liangchow.
8.—I.C.S.N. Waishing.
9.—D. L. Haikong.
11.—C. N. Tean.
11.—O. S. K. Kajio Maru.
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15.—O. S. K. Sosha Maru.

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13.—D. L. Hainong.
15.—O. S. K. Sosha Maru.
20.—J.C.J.L. Tjiembang.

FOOCHOW.

Nov. 6.—D. L. Haiching.
9.—D. L. Haikong.
13.—D. L. Baihong.

SHANGHAI.

Dec. 7.—C. N. Szechuen.
7.—A. L. Abecos.
7.—T.K.K. Korea Maru.
7.—N. Y. K. Taihsien Maru.
8.—B. I. Takeia.
8.—U. P. S. Empress of Russia.
8.—C. N. Shoochow.
8.—I.C.S.N. Waishing.
10.—A. L. Keyston ne State.
10.—C. M. Nile.
10.—B. F. Polymorphis.
10.—C. N. Shantung.
11.—P. & O. Duncos.
11.—C. N. Tonn.
12.—C. M. Nanking.
13.—C. N. Sinkiang.
13.—N. Y. K. Miodong Maru.
14.—N. Y. K. Yamagata Maru.
14.—P. M. Goldos State.
14.—P. & O. Dongola.
14.—P. F. Omnia.
15.—B. F. Teuer.
17.—M. V. Portia.
17.—J. C. J. L. Tjiembang.
18.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru.
20.—J.C.J.L. Tjiembang.
21.—P. & O. Kashmire.
21.—I. T. Chios.
27.—N. Y. K. Koshino Maru.
28.—B. F. Myriondon.
28.—P. & O. Cyclops.

Mar. 10.—O. S. K. Silver State.
5.—C.P.S. Arabia Maru.
5.—T. K. K. Empress of Asia.
9.—B. F. Keemun.
11.—B. F. Calibus.
14.—N. Y. K. Suwa Maru.
14.—A. L. Linpore State.
16.—T. K. K. Taiyo Maru.
17.—C. M. China.
17.—C.P.S. Phoenis.
18.—P. & O. Monteagle.
23.—B. F. Thessus.
23.—E. F. Glaucon.
31.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru.
31.—P. & O. Kashkar.
8.—N. Y. K. Fushimi Maru.
8.—C.P.S. Empress of Japan.
8.—N. Y. K. Fushimi Maru.
10.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru.
11.—B. F. Agapenor.
14.—P. & O. Kibira.
21.—B. F. Ajax.
23.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.
24.—P. & O. Sicilia.
24.—P. & O. Devonia.
14.—P. & O. Novara.
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TSINGTAO.

Dec. 8.—I.C.S.N. Waishing.

10.—C. N. Shaotung.

28.—B. F. Myriondon.

PUKOW.

Dec. 11.—C. N. Tean.

KEELUNG.

Dec. 7.—T.K.K. Korea Maru.

18.—O. S. K. Kajio Maru.

18.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru.

Jan. 15.—T.K.K. Tsivo Maru.

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Feb. 10.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru.

TAKAO.

Dec. 15.—O. S. K. Sosha Maru.

DAIREN.

Jan. 31.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Dec. 10.—I.C.S.N. Loksang.

11.—C. N. Kasong.

HAIPHONG.

Dec. 8.—M. M. Amazone.

9.—I.C.S.N. Wingeang.

SAIGON.

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10.—O. S. K. Kishu Maru.

10.—O. S. K. Peking Maru.

19.—M. M. Paul Leat.

20.—J. P. L. Sim-lear.

20.—A. L. Lake Onawa.

SINGAPORE.

Dec. 7.—O. N. Liangchow.

7.—B. F. Kuryalus.

8.—N. Y. K. Kaga Maru.

8.—D. M. Bowes Castle.

9.—B. F. Amazone.

9.—N. Y. K. Hakone Maru.

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10.—N. Y. K. Peking Maru.

10.—B. F. Tschima Maru.

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13.—B. F. Telresias.

13.—N. Y. K. Kamakura Maru.

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17.—B. I. Rhodesia.

18.—N. Y. K. Tanda.

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